

FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of a network system 10. The network system 10 includes a central node 12, a plurality of intermediate nodes 14, and a plurality of end nodes 20. The central node 12 is connected to the intermediate nodes 14, which are in turn connected to the end nodes 20. The end nodes 20 are further connected to a plurality of data sources 22 and 26. The network system 10 is configured to provide a distributed architecture for data storage and retrieval.

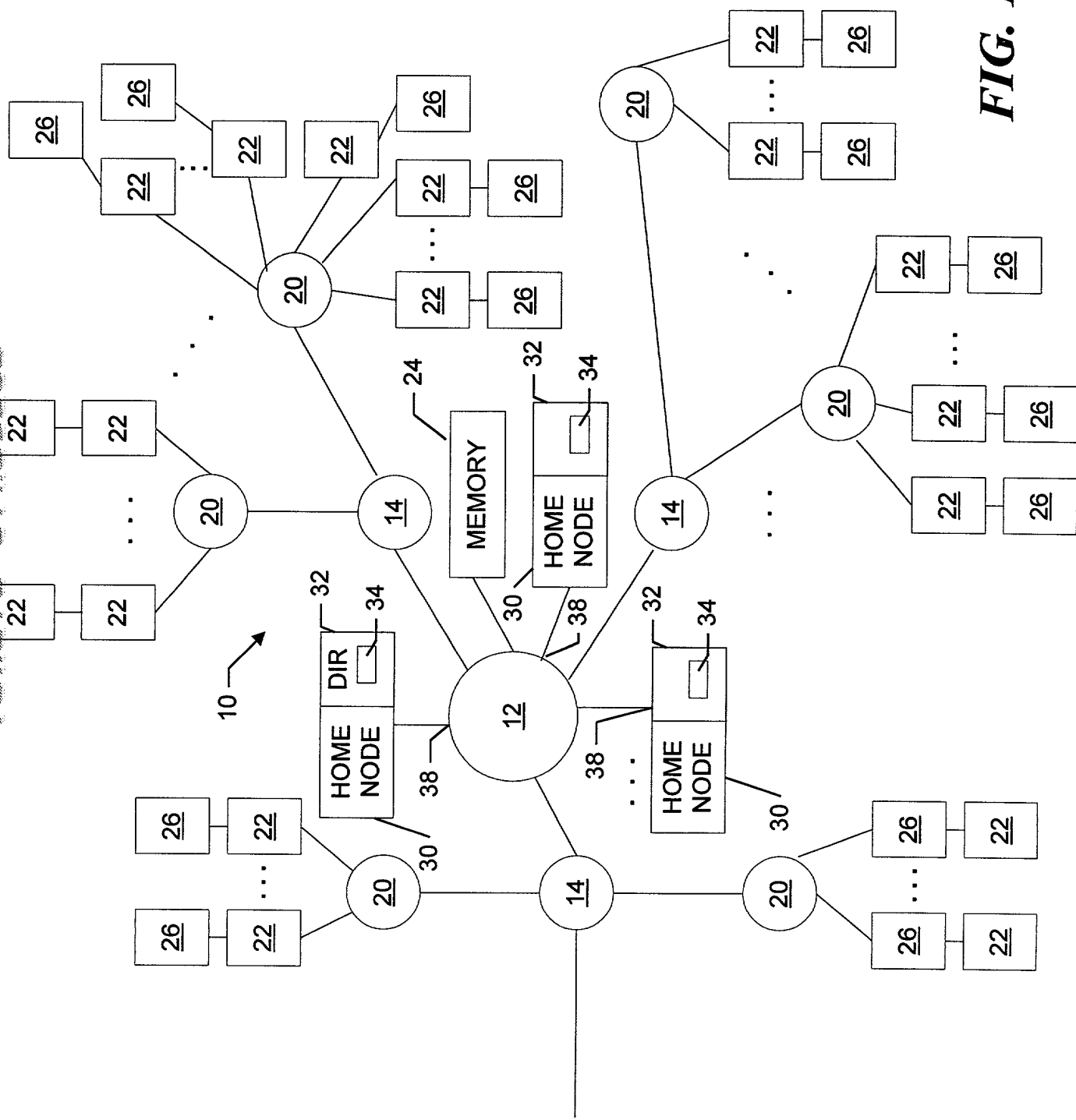


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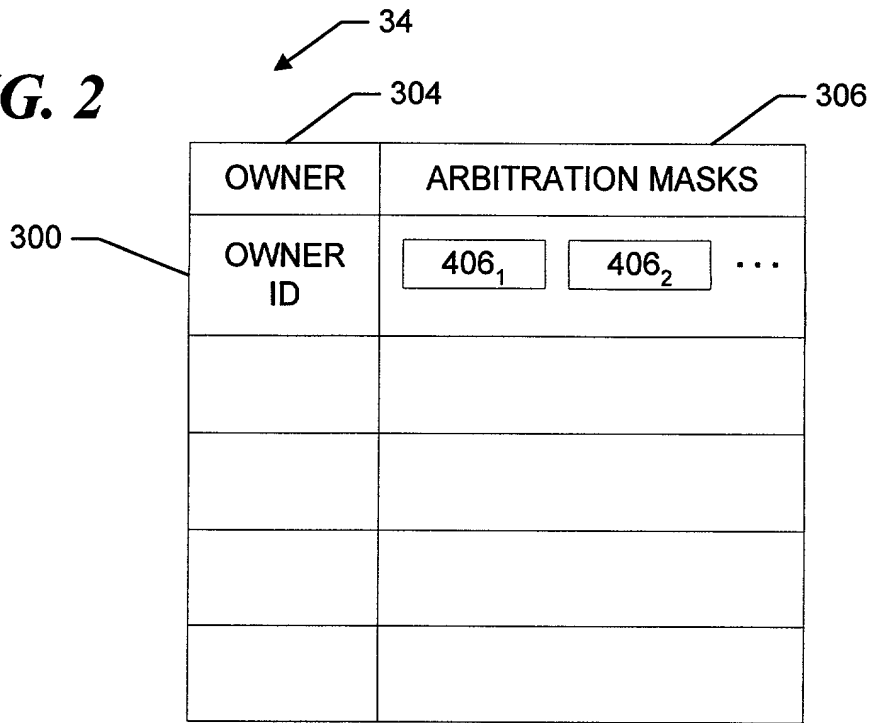
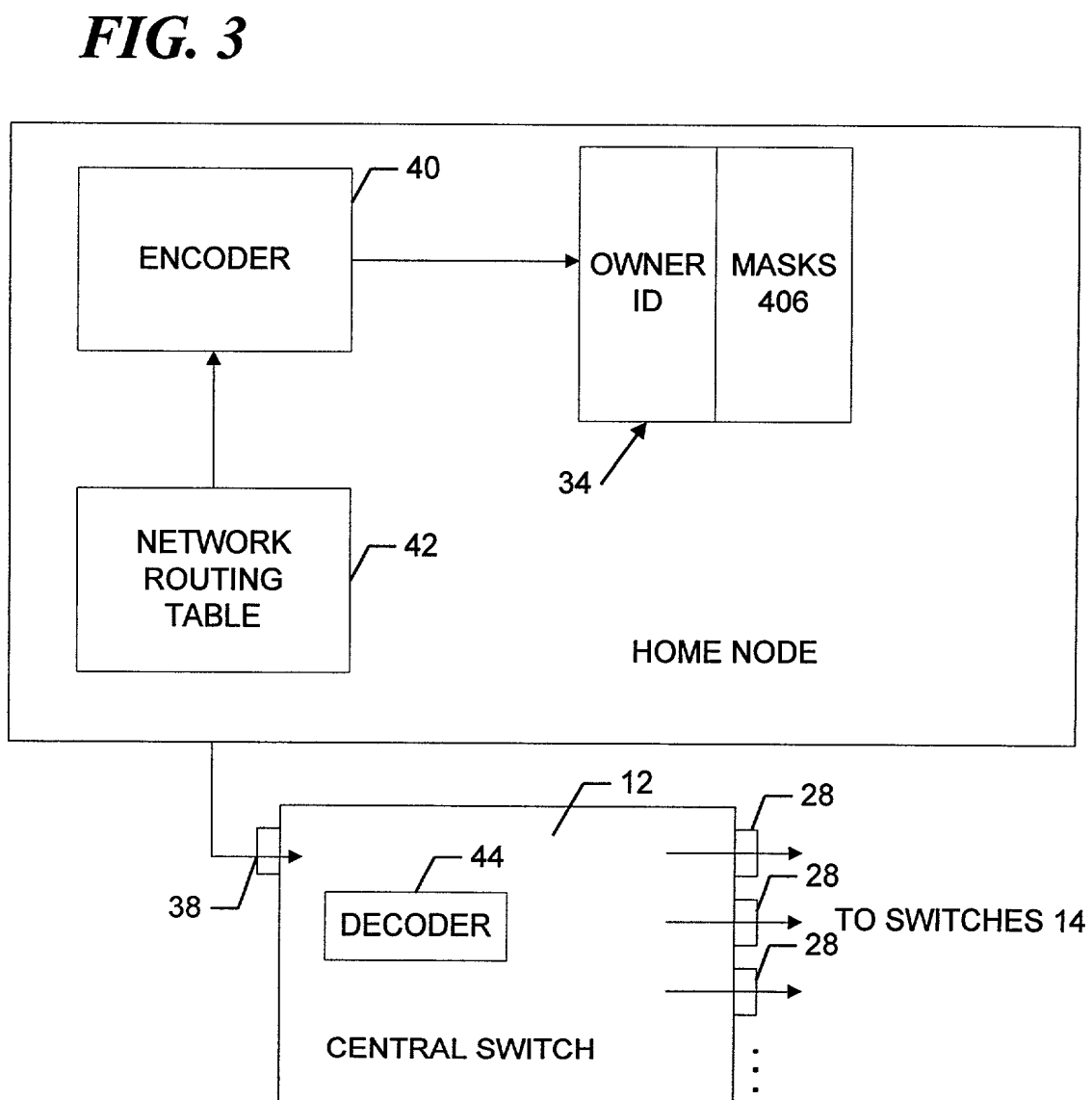


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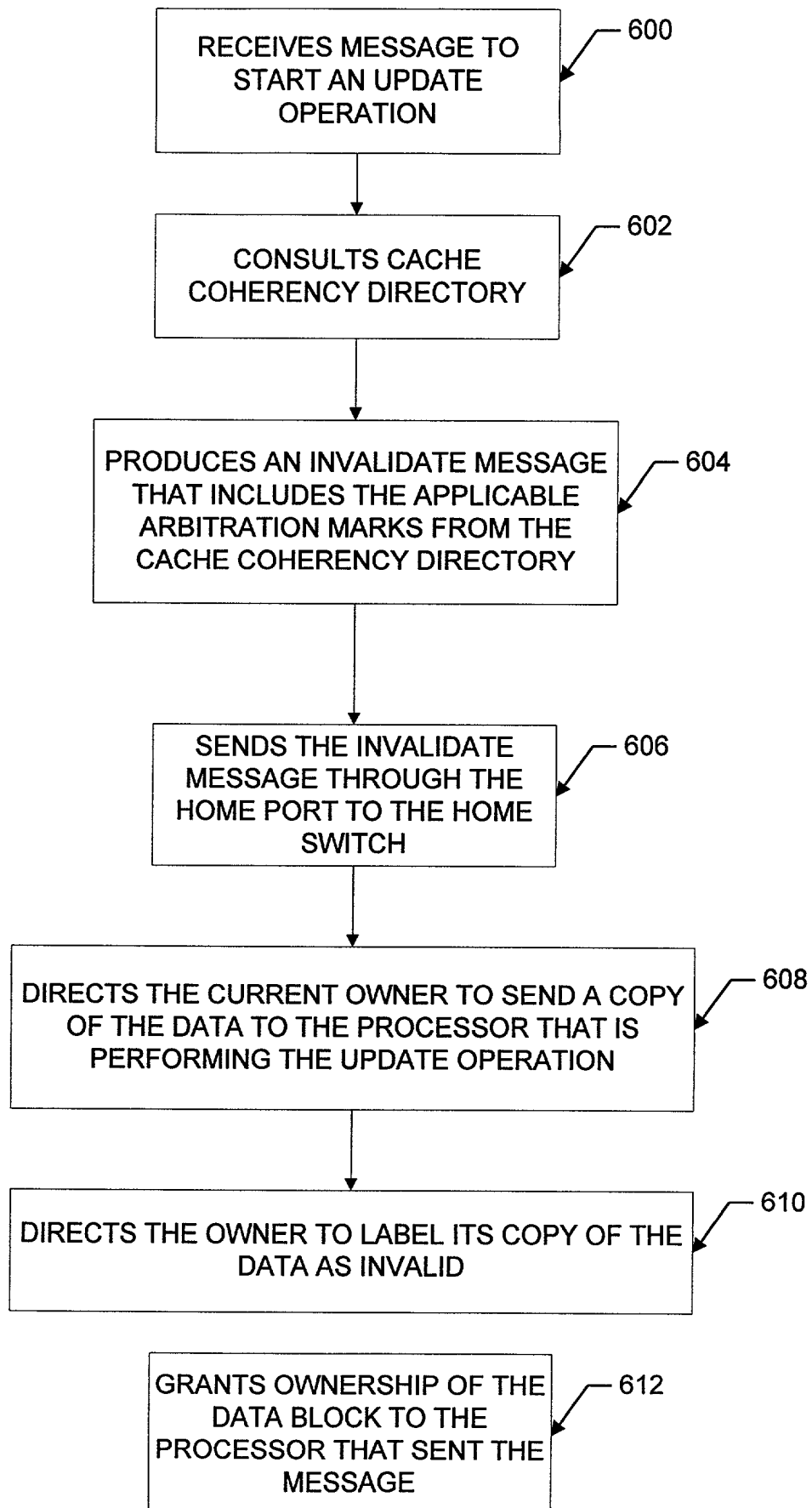


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